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CONSERVING THE FOOD TO HELP THE FARMERS

Hotels Making Better Record Than Housewives, According to Reports Received.

Government to Take Action in Regard to Securing and Distributing Necessary Fertilizers to Use on Land.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—While the United States Government is deeply concerned about the welfare of her men in the army, it is also looking after the interest of the farmers at home. The Council of Defense is just in receipt of the following statement from David F. Houston, Secretary of Agriculture, concerning fertilizer, a matter which the Council has been very much interested in for some time:

"I have been giving a great deal of thought and attention to the nitrate question. I have been in daily touch with the War Industries Board, which was to purchase and deliver the material at the seaboard, and also with the Shipping Board.

"Arrangements were completed several weeks ago, through the War Industries Board under the immediate supervision of Mr. Branch, to purchase approximately 100,000 tons of nitrate of soda in Chile in accordance with the authorization for such purpose in the food control act. Because of disturbed shipping conditions it has been impossible until recently definitely to secure facilities for transporting the nitrate in whole or in part. Within the last few days preparations have been completed for the delivery at the seaboard during January of 18,000 tons, and every reasonable assurance has been given that supplies up to 100,000 tons, for the ensuing month will be delivered. Every possible effort will be made to make certain these deliveries, but it should be understood that, on account of existing situations, circumstances over which there is no control might intervene.

"I cannot state now exactly what the price will be, but it will be approximately $75 on board cars at the seaboard. Farmers will have to pay freight charges to their local stations, the State fertilizer tax fee which varies in different States but will probably not average more than 25 cents a ton, and any other local charge.

"The nitrate secured under the appropriation will be sold only to farmers for their own use during the coming season, and generally not in excess of the amounts used by them heretofore. The department is now arranging machinery for the distribution of the material and will give full publicity concerning the details of the matter."

I have been helping in this food-saving campaign at home and I feel like going back and starting a regular crusade among the housewives to urge a more definite and systematic program."

And she was right. The reason the saving in hotels and public eating places stands out in such amazing figures is not only because these places are dealing in such quantities of foodstuffs but because they have set for themselves definite programs for the definite saving of definte foods. That is the real secret.

The housewife, on the contrary, has too often begun her saving in a desultory way.

"Let's cut down on this or let's do without that," she says to her family and to her cook, but the food continues to be eaten.

That "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" is too often true in food saving. If meat is served every day in the week, it will be eaten; and if white bread is put on the table in unrestricted abundance, it will be used accordingly.

But the hotels have managed differently. They have agreed on certain days to give up meat and wheat and these foods are simply not to be obtained on those days. Hotels guests and diners-out have accepted this situation as a matter of course. They merely take a second look at their menu card and smilingly order a substitute, even though they have been thinking of that "filet mignon" for hours. If they are reminded by the waiter that it is "Meatless Tuesday," they cheerfully change their order to braised chicken and go away from the table with their hunger satisfied and their hearts stirred with the satisfying thought of a patriotic duty performed.

But let us see what are some of the things actually being accomplished by the public eating places of our country. In the larger hotels and restaurants of New York City alone there is being saved through this "Meatless Tuesday" and "Wheatless Wednesday" almost one thousand barrels of flour a week and more than a thousand pounds of meat. On one Tuesday in November, New York City saved 193,545 pounds of meat and on one Wednesday in the same month, 101,295 pounds of wheat flour.

The following table shows the comparison between this year and last for the single month of October in average wheat consmption in the big hotels of New York city:

	1916	1917
Persons	115,486	122,494
Barrels of wheat flour consumed	165	151
Average consumption per person	4.448 oz.	3.93 oz.

The average saving per person for wheatless day at one hotel is 4 1-7 ounces.

This is the saving of only two specified days a week. Add to this a general saving thoroughout the week by partial substitution for wheat flour in bread and pastry and by taking certain meats off the menu and you can see what is actually being accomplished.

This movement in food saving in public eating places is nation-wide. Ninety per cent of the hotels of the Southeast are following to the letter this systematic saving. Practically every hotel and club in Chicago is carrying out this voluntary program of conservation.

It is all a voluntary, patriotic response on the part of hotels and restaurants to the government's appeal through the Food Administration that they help save for our needs at home and abroad. The hotel and restaurant men were simply asked to sign the Pledge Card, just as were the housewives of the country—"even as you and I."

The same strict observance of certain food saving would accomplish a much greater result in the homes of our country. The saving in one home, even in the home of a millionaire would not show the same sum total saved as in one big hotel. But multiply your home by some 22,000,000 homes in the entire country and the figures are amazing.

Do not say "Let's have a meatless day some day in the week" and then have one some weeks and none another. Rather say "Let's have Tuesday for a meatless day in our home," and then see that no meat is brought into the dining room on that day. The same amount of food value can be furnished in other things.

A certain wholesale house that sells both to hotels and to butchers reports that the former has a 30 per cent decrease in their Tuesday orders while the retail trades and homes show only 22 1-2 per cent decrease. It is time every housewife was following the example set her by the hotels and public eating places and having definite "meatless" and "wheatless" days in her menage.

New friends are awaiting to be entertained at your tables. "Cornmeal," "Oatmeal," and "Buckwheat," have been content to "fill in" the past, but now they are demanding recognition of their social status. The United States Food Administration stands as sponsor and urges that you put these names upon your food friend list.

Notice Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Alexandria Building and Loan Association will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1918, at 7:30 p. m., at Alexandria National bank building.

C. Page Waller, Sec'y.
8.7t.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The United States District Court today disposed of the case of the United States vs. Raymond C. Swartzburgh and Harlan Palmer, charged with felonious assault at Occoquan. The former was acquitted and Palmer sentenced to serve three months in the Alexandria jail. The court was engaged today in the trial of the case the United States vs. Wm C. Dashiell, charged with issuing forged government check.

Quite a number from this city were in Washington last night in attendance at the big tabernacle revival meeting at which Billy Sunday entertained a crowd which filled the entire building. Among the notable people present was Ottoman Ben Avi, who was introduced to the audience as a Jew "right from Palestine." The latter made a brief speech as did also Captain David C. Fallon, of the British army. The members of the Roumanian mission were called to the platform and introduced to the audience which gave them a splendid ovation. Among the "hot ones" which Billy shot at the crowd was this: "You can't kneel down and pray Thy kingdom come, and then go to a theater and look at a woman who hasn't got clothes enough on to flag a handcar. He also paid his respects to the residents in Washington who have put up the prices of their rooms to $35 and $40 per month and literally placed them in the class with the other profiters who are gouging people "on account of the war." That his remarks were approved was plainly indicated by the rounds of applause accorded him on all sides.

An adjourned meeting of the City School Board will be held at 8 o'clock tonight.

Frank G. Davidson has sold to Edwin S. Goodloe lot 23, block 2, section 1, Rosemont.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Mr. Charles E. Powell and Mrs. Mammie Sonnar. The marriage took place in Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29th, 1917. Both reside in this city.

The Junior German Club will meet tomorrow afternoon. The special feature for the afternoon will be "The Sailor's Hornpipe" which will be danced by Miss Virginia McCuen and Miss Margaret Yates.

Miss Mary E. Rodgers, aged 67 years, died at the Alexandria hospital yesterday afternoon. The funeral will be held from St. Mary's Catholic church tomorrow morning at 9:30. The interment will be private. The deceased resided at 412 South Pitt street, this city.

The gentlemen appointed to assist registrants in answering their questionnaires tomorrow (Friday) are: Gardner L. Boothe, Walter U. Varney, V. Ward Bosewell, E. J. Fleming, J. H. Trimyer and Robert L. Payne. The last two named may be found at the office of Gardner L. Boothe. Robinson Moncure may be found at his office at 121 south Royal street, each evening this week and next and Leo P. Harlow will also assist registrants at his office, 119 south Fairfax street, during the evenings of next week.

A colored man and a colored woman were fined $5 each in the Police Court this morning for disorderly conduct.

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association of the West End School has been postponed on account of the cold weather.

A meeting of Troop No. 2 Boy Scouts of America will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight in St. Mary's Hall on south Royal street when every scout will be commissioned "a dispatch bearer for Uncle Sam" by the committee on Public Information of the United States. The slogan of this work will be "Every scout to boost America."

At the annual meeting of the congregation of the First Baptist church of this city held last night the following named persons were elected to fill the positions stated: M. P. Pitts, clerk; J. M. Cornell, keeper of roll; S. W. Pitts, treasurer; F. C. Saunders, financial secretary; Ralph Remington, assistant financial secretary; J. T. Preston, chorister and Miss Edna Barnett, organist.

The J. R. N. Curtin Memorial Baraca class of the First Baptist church, at a called meeting of the executive committee, last night, adopted resolutions endorsing the amendment to the federal constitution providing for national prohibition, and requested the delegate for Alexandria and the Senator from this district to support the bill when the same is presented to the legislature which convenes in the near future.

TO RELIEVE FUEL SHORTAGE.

Efforts to be Made to Induce Farmers to Cut More Wood in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Washington, Jan. 10.—S. T. Dana, of the United States Forest Service left here today for Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, where he will assist the Federal Fuel Administrators of those States in increasing the use of firewood in order to lessen the demand for coal. He will also demonstrate to farmers and other woodland owners methods of cutting by which firewood can be obtained with the best results to the timber growth. Plans for securing and distributing firewood will be worked out. It is hoped to establish municipal wood yards at various places and to decide upon satisfactory methods of utilizing waste from sawmills and other woodworking plants.

A special appeal is to be made through directors of extension work in the three States to the farmers to cut cordwood this winter while other work is slack.

Mr. Dana is one of the ten experts of the Forest Service who have been assigned to cooperate with the Fuel Administration to relieve the fuel shortage in the Eastern States.

Bomb Wrecks Schools.

Rochester, Pa., Jan. 10.—A bomb, placed in the desk of Miss Cecelia Helbling, principal of the North Rochester continuation school here, exploded, blowing the building to pieces. Carl Burgwall, the thirteen-year-old son of the janitor, was probably fatally injured.

Had the explosion occurred half an hour later, teacher and forty pupils would have been in the school. A squad of troopers of the male constabulary immediately took charge of the ruins and an investigation was ordered.

Lodge of Perfection.

The regular monthly meeting of Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection No. 7, will be held in the Masonic Temple, Friday evening, January 11, 1918, at 7:30. Immediately after the close of the lodge Virginia Consistory will meet for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. All members are requested to be present.

F. W. Latham, Secretary.
6-5t.

Notice.

The Washington Southern Railway Company will arrange commencing January 21st, 1918, to close its freight station at Alexandria, Va., for the receipt of freight, at 4:00 p. m. each working day except Saturdays.

9-2t. H. E. Gentry, Agent.

Fish Day Tomorrow. We will have Spanish Mackerel, Steak Pollock, Jersey Trout and Lake Trout. Sanitary Fish Market, Stall No. 2, City Market. Phone 735. Open until 5 p. m.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

Coroner's Jury Acquits Richmond Policeman of Charge of Shooting a Boy.

Following a two-day hearing of the evidence, the jury of Coroner J. M. Whitfield yesterday brought in a verdict that the shooting of young Harry Gayle was done by a person unknown, thus exhonorating Policeman I. G. Cousins. The verdict says, "the wound being made by a .38 calibre bullet fired by a person unknown to the jury, Policeman I. G. Cousins' pistol being a .32." It was signed by the coroner, P. J. McCarthy, foreman; C. Z. Roach, H. C. Branch and P. J. Dance.

After the exhaustive inquiry of the coroner the mystery as to who shot the lad, today appears as deep as ever and may never be solved. It is unlikely to be a subject for investigation by the grand jury. The youth was killed January 3, about 6:30 o'clock in the evening while being pursued by Policeman Cousins who was firing his revolver in the direction of the fugitive but who swore he was firing at the ground.

"To Honor and Obey?"

One woman against the world, forms the theme of the new William Fox photoplay starring Gladys Brockwell, "To Honor and Obey?" which opens at the Richmond Theater, tonight for a run of one night. In this production, Miss Brockwell, the "Girl of a Thousand Expressions" fights against heart-breaking odds, and comes from the fray weary but victorious.

Death Notice.

Died, at Alexandria Hospital, Jan. 9, 1918, Mary E. Rodgers, aged 67, years. Funeral from St. Mary's church, Friday morning, Jan. 11, at 9:30. Friends invited. Interment private. Please omit flowers.

Notice to Seminole Tribe Red Men

You are earnestly requested to be present at the regular meeting of Seminole Tribe No. 35, on Thursday night, January 10th, 1918, at 7.30 p. m. at which time there will be installation of officers for the coming term. The adoption degree will be conferred on four candidates at this meeting. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. By order of the Sachem.

D. W. Stanton, C. of R.
8-2t.

Geo. E. Price and Co., will have for sale tomorrow, halibut, rockfish, Spanish Mackerel, Jersey trout, lake trout and fresh herring. Bell phone 321-J. City Market.

Norfolk Oysters, Hampton Bars and Potomac River oysters. J. Brill No. 2 King street.

SHOOTS SON-IN-LAW.

Prince Georges County, Md., Man Then Felled in Struggle.

Upper Marlboro, Md., Jan. 10.—Francis I. Payne, 65, and his son-in-law, Michael Kelly, both of Redds Corner, Prince Georges county, are in Providence Hospital, Washington, suffering from injuries received in an altercation at Kelly's home Sunday night. Kelly had taken action to oust his father-in-law. Because of this, it is alleged, Payne broke open the front door of Kelly's home and went upstairs after him armed with a shotgun. Several shots were fired at Kelly, the small shot inflicting wounds in his hand, shoulder and thigh. Kelly got possession of the gun and struck Payne over the head with it, felling him. Kelly then went to Eugene Pyles' home, and when the pair returned to the Kelly house. Payne had gone to the barn, where, it is alleged, he fired three shots from a revolver in an attempt to commit suicide. None of the shots took effect. Both men were arrested yesterday and were taken to the hospital. Their condition is not serious.

PATROLMAN SAVES BANK.

Enters to Get Warm, Engages Robbers in Pistol Fight.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Patrolman Martin Flynn had been plodding through snowdrifts for hours notifying householders to help dig the city out, and because of this the Southwest Trust and Savings Bank, with $80,000 handy in an open vault, was not robbed yesterday.

Flynn, chilled to the bone, entered the bank to get warm. He had scarcely seated himself when a youthful bandit with a pistol in each hand entered with the command "Hands up!"

Flynn opened fire and was himself shot in the leg. The robber fled and escaped with two companions who awaited him in a limousine.

Burglars Reap Harvest.

London, Jan. 10.—London suburbanites are beginning to ask: "Which is worse, a bomb or a burglar."

When they get the air raid warning in the suburbs, the inhabitants thereof usually gather in the house of the family with the strongest cellar or in some communal dug-out. This is just what the wiley burglar is waiting for, and, scorning possible bombs, he leisurely ransacks the deserted houses.

Prize of Gold Medal.

The Empire Social club, which holds dances every Friday night at the Elks' Hall, will give a prize of a gold medal to the winners of the one-step dance on Friday night of this week. Admission, gents 50 cents, ladies free. 6-5t.

SIGN SEPARATE PEACE

Didn't Overthrow Czarism to Become Subject to Another Kind of Slavery.

Berne, Jan. 10.—The newspaper Der Bund declared today that a separate peace between Russia and Bulgaria had been formally signed.

Petrograd, Jan. 10. Ukrainia and Russia have joined hands in the peace negotiations with Germany.

Dispatches from Brest-Litovsk today expressed firm conviction that, with a united front shown by all Russian delegates, the Russian plan for transfer of peace negotiations to neutral soil would be forced upon the Germans.

The message from Brest-Litovsk which gave this news carried the report:

"One morning—Russian Christmas Day—we crossed the trenches. Our soldiers declared they were ready to support our peace efforts at all costs. Remember we want peace—but not a peace at any price."

"Trotszky replied to them:

"'We will not bend our head to German imperialism. Russia did not overthrow czarism to become the subject of another kind of slavery. You may feel certain that with your support we will sign only an honorable peace.'"

The Russian peace delegates were taken to Brest-Litovsk in sleighs. They first met Ukrainian delegates, who had been waiting their arrival. The Ukrainians agreed to publish a formal resolution recognizing the commissaries (Bolsheviki government), and the commissaries' government, on their part, agreed to recognize Ukrainia's independence.

The Russians then communicated with the Germans, suggesting that the Ukrainians be empowered to partake in the negotiations. This was accepted.

The Ukrainians and Russians, it was asserted, had agreed to maintain a solid and united front on all questions.

The first matter taken up by the general conference was the transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm or some other neutrality. Dispatches from the Russian delegates today insisted they would not give up this demand on the Germans.

"The transfer of the negotiations to where a free voice and free hearing can be accorded, instead of being continued in the stifling atmosphere of a ruined city's hermetically sealed fortress, is essential, the message asserted.

FREE FUEL DELIVERY.

Street Cleaning Trucks and Carts Again Offered to the Public.

If you order a load of fuel from your coal man in Richmond and he tells you he has the goods ready but has no facilities for making an immediate delivery all you have to do is call up the street cleaning superintendent and borrow one of his carts as may be necessary.

This order directs that the service to citizens is to be continued so long or trucks. You get it free of charge.

Under an order issued by the administrative board Superintendent H. J. Cohn, of the street cleaning department, is called upon to place all of the carts, trucks and automobiles of the department at the service of citizens and fuel dealers to aid in the delivery of coal and wood. All of these vehicles will be diverted from street cleaning uses so long as they may be needed by citizens for the delivery of coal and wood for private use.

SOLDIERS BUILD CHURCH.

Edifice Will Have Front of an Engineers' Temple and Promises to be Handsome.

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 10.—The first church built by the soldiers at any army camp in the United States is now in course of construction at Camp Wadsworth. The funds for the material and the work are both provided by Colonel Cornelius Vanderbilt One Hundred and Second Engineers. The building is to have a front of an engineer's temple, and the plans show that it will be a handsome structure. Dr. Horace R. Fell, formerly rector of St. Alban's Church, Highbridge, N. Y., is chaplain of the One Hundred and Second Engineers.

STILL CRY FOR PEACE!

Demonstrations Occur in Berlin, Essen and Leipzig—Situation Said to be Tense.

New York, Jan. 10.—A rumor was current on the floor of the Stock Exchange this afternoon that Germany has asked Sweden to mediate for peace.

Amsterdam, Jan. 10.—Huge throngs crying "We must have peace!" marched the streets of Berlin, Leipzig and Essen the day the rupture of the Russo-Teuton peace parleys was announced. News to this effect filtered beyond the Alps border today after it had been suppressed for nearly a week.

It shows that the opposition of the masses to the "camouflaged" annexation clause, which is the one stumbling block to peace with Russia, has invaded the two greatest strongholds of the militarists, the capital itself and the city where the Krupps have their great war-feeding factories, employing more than 100,000 men. Essen lies in the heart of one of Germany's greatest industrial districts.

Leipzig is the largest city in Saxony and the fourth city in size in the empire. Its population is nearly 500,000. It is an important manufacturing center.

Now that the parleys at Brest-Litovsk have been resumed—a plenary sitting took place today—the political battle in Berlin has somewhat subsided, but the atmosphere in extremely tense.

Under the surface the cauldron of dissension between the anti-annexationists and the militarists seethes on. New indications that the conflict may eventually rip the whole German "home front" to pieces came today in a dispatch from Berlin that the Reichstag majority is once more intact. That means the Centrists and National Liberals have joined the Socialists in their unequivocal opposition to annexation in any form. If it is true, Chancellor Von Hertling, one of the strong men of the Centrists, which was the original nucleus of the majority bloc, will shortly be challenged to "confess colors." His indorsement of the majority's stand is expected to lead directly to an open breach between the military and civilian section of the government.

Today's advices from the German capital further showed that the pro-annexationists are in a panic. They fear an evil effect of the speeches by Lloyd George and President Wilson upon the masses. To them the allied and American diplomatic counter offensive spells the vision of the German people rising in the demand for immediate peace negotiations.

Already the militarists have been obliged to take recourse to their strongest card—the threat that the two demi-gods of the nation, Hindenburg and Ludendorf, will resign if the spokesman for what they term a "weak peace" are allowed to "betray the armies."

Millionaire Disappears.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 10.—Cleveland police believe Frank B. Smith, wealthy dealer in automobiles, has been kidnaped and is being held for ransom. Smith has been missing since Thursday.

Smith, who was active in prosecuting two men on a criminal charge here, may have been kidnaped for revenge.

A letter scrawled on wrapping paper received by Mrs. Smith follows: "Bring $1,000 to stop No. 10, Lake Shore Electric, Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Your husband is O. K. Keep your mouth shut."

Notice.

Having purchased the business and good will of B. Baer, Jr., I propose to continue the same at the old stand No. 415 King street. I shall endeavor to conduct it in the same honest, straightforward manner as it has been in the past, soliciting a continuance of all old patrons of the firm and of all other friends.

8-4t Alexander Kaufman.

Notice.

I have disposed of my clothing and men's furnishing business to Mr. Alexander Kaufmann, who will continue the same at my old stand No. 415 King street. Thanking my many friends for their liberal patronage, I solicit a continuance of the same to my successor.

B. Baer, Jr.
8-4t.

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THE PRESIDENT'S POSITION.

Indirect negotiations looking toward ending the European war were practically begun when President Wilson made to Congress the most specific and liberal statements of what will be conceded to and demanded of the central Powers.

For the first time the enemies of Germany, through the spokesmanship of the President of the United States, have conveyed to her the assurance that she may escape an economic warfare after the war, as well as a continuation of the race for armaments; that she may have back such of her colonies as naturally belong to her, and that she may enjoy freedom of the seas in war as well as peace, provided she assents to the terms of a just and honorable peace.

This is the utmost of concessions that ever have been publicly and officially spoken of by the enemies of Germany since the outbreak of the war. It embodies the substance of what Germany may achieve by a return to the society of law-abiding nations. It means, to adopt the words of one closest to the confidence of the President, that if Germany really wants peace now she can get it.

These are great concessions, greater than any liberal leader had cared predict from the Government of the United States, and they may mean a nearer approach to peace, but the people of the country may rest assured that they are as much as will be given Germany without a three years' ruinous prolongation of the war.

No one in the confidence of the President believes he has any definite and private reason for believing that acceptance of negotiations upon the basis of his address is imminent, nor that he was animated by any other than a sense of being in duty bound to meet the German demands for a statement of terms upon which we would enter into conference.

Political chaos engulfs Berlin.

A gap apparently yawns between the militarists and the antiannexationists, so wide and so deep that it seems unbridgeable. Late last night there were the strongest indications that the Kaiser faces the inescapable choice between the two courses.

1. To authorize a complete backdown by the central powers on the Russian demand or evacuate all occupied territories, and thus renounce every vestige of the veiled annexation claims. That would mean, it is reported, the immediate resignations of Hindenburg and Ludendorff, resulting in incalculable depression among the Teuton armies and a possible Pan-German uprising.

2. To take up the challenge of the Socialists and Liberals for a finish fight on the annexation issue by standing pat on the Brest-Litovsk peace terms. That would mean a break-up of the Reichstag majority bloc, the reunion of the whole Socialist party and a possible rising of the masses to force peace.

In both cases the Kaiser's crown would be gravely imperiled.

Certain it is, according to the consensus of observers, that the American executive has placed in the hands both of the German antiannexationists and of the Russians a formidable weapon in their supreme combat with militarism and autocracy.

ROCK BATTLES.

A Richmond paper prints the following item from its file of fifty years ago:

"Persons on Union Hill yesterday reported to the Mayor that they were much annoyed Sunday afternoon by a number of boys who were engaged for several hours in a rock battle. Heads, as well as window panes, were endangered by flying missiles. The Mayor promised that the police will look out for the offenders. The war spirit is now a thing of the past, but the boys and their "cat" organizations seem to be slow finding it out."

The above will bring to mind some thrilling scenes which occurred for a time after the close of the civil war on Sundays between Alexandria boys and youths of Washington. Some sober-sided Alexandrians of the present day participated in rock battles. The war between the two sections of the country was over, and the survivors had returned to their homes satisfied that they had had enough of it. But the boys of that day determined to keep up the conflict, and many youths of this city repaired to the vicinity of Four-Mile Run on Sunday afternoons where they met an equal number of juveniles of the capital city, and pitched battles followed. At first it was regarded by the older element as fun, but as rocks at times came dangerously near their heads, it was determined to appeal to the city of Alexandria for relief. At that time what is now known as Alexandria county was under the jurisdiction of the city. This city had four constables on duty in the day time, and they were ordered by the late Mayor Hugh Latham to break up the disorder incident to Sunday afternoons, and they succeeded in coralling the Alexandrians, and the Washington lads returned to their own heath. Thus the Sunday afternoon "engagements" were brought to a close. No one was seriously injured during this short-lived war.

A TIMELY WARNING.

Hurried breakfast or none at all on the part of employees means less output from these people in the office, factory or wherever they may be employed. This is one of the conclusions to be drawn from a report of Professor Kent, of the University of Bristol, commissioned by the British government to study fatigue. His observations were made on 2,600 men and a large number of women. He found that between 36 and 37 per cent of the workers examined had trouble with digestion. In several cases workers who produced far below the average were found to be coming to work without breakfast.

Women workers, Professor Kent found, are prone to underfeed themselves because they choose delicacies to the exclusion of substantial food.

Many persons in Alexandria, especially females, should read the above and act upon it immediately. At present hundreds of young people of both sexes of this city are employed in Washington in the several government departments, railroad offices, stores, dress-making establishments and millineries. Many of such barely give themselves time to catch early-morning trains, and often leave their homes without eating breakfast. Others eat sweets, which afford little actual nutrition. Some remain out of bed too long at night, and when summoned to rise and prepare for the day's work they are not in the condition they should be from the fact that they have not enjoyed enough sleep. It is this class that generally leave home on empty stomachs, and sooner or later incur the penalty of defying nature.

HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Our esteemed cotemporary, the Shenandoah Herald, reached its one hundredth birthday last Friday, and its publisher, John H. Grabill, sent out fac-similes of the first edition of January 4, 1817. It was refreshing to look over this number, and Alexandrians who received copies read them, advertisements and all.

The Herald, in reciting its history and conditions in Shenandoah Valley a century ago uttered a number of thoughts which are as interesting to Alexandrians as to people of the Valley. Among other things, attention is called to the fact that at the time the Herald was brought to its birth and for many years after Alexandria was the market for that part of the State, and farmers of the Valley hauled their flour to this place in wagons, which brought back groceries for the year, and goods for the stores.

There were no railroads in those days, and the "prairie schooner" (huge wagons drawn by four horses wearing bells) were the vehicles. They made long journeys, and often lined the upper part of King street with dressed hogs and country produce. These were the days of the stage coach and the cross-roads blacksmith shop.

The "prairie schooner," the stage coach and the cross-roads blacksmith shop have long since passed away, but the Shenandoah Herald, like the Alexandria Gazette, is still hale and hearty. Our cotemporary has flourished in two centuries and the Gazette in three. May the Herald continue vigorous in its sere and yellow leaf.

PROPER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

As was stated in the Gazette yesterday, the board of directors of the citizens' National Bank has adopted a resolution expressing its appreciation of the efforts of Representative Carlin, resulting in the location of the plant of the American Shipbuilding Company at Alexandria.

Washingtonians are loud in their appreciation of the labors of Mr. Carlin in the movement for increasing the salaries of government employees.

Since the democrats have been in control of the government attention has several times been directed to the prominent parts played by Virginia Congressmen in conducting the government. Our Senators were soon called to the front ranks, as were also our Congressmen, and it is suggested that the Old Dominion is again playing a prominent part as it did in the early history of the United States and in colonial days.

The representative from the Alexandria district, Hon. C. C. Carlin, is regarded as one of the most energetic members of the House of Representatives. The fact that he was placed upon the Committee on the Judiciary several years by former Speaker Cannon to take the place of one of the most able republican Congressmen who had died, shows that he is not only justly esteemed by his own party, but that his abilities are recognized by those of the opposite faction.

FAVORS PROHIBITION.

Mississippi Legislature Enacts Amendment Fifteen Minutes After Hearing Speech.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 10.—Fifteen minutes after the subject was presented in Governor Bilbo's message to the Legislature, both houses ratified the proposed prohibition amendment to the Federal Constitution. Only eight dissenting votes were cast.

Mississippi is the first state in which such action was taken.

OFFICIAL.

Board of Aldermen.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Alexandria, Va., held Jan. 8, 1918, there were present:

F. F. Marbury, esq., president, and Messrs. Anderson, Robinson, Ballenger, Harrison and Wilkins.

The Committee on Light submitted

Classified Advertising

FOR SALE—A 1915 Chevrolet automobile, in first class condition. Good bargain to quick purchaser. Inquire of Mt. Vernon Auto Co., Alexandria, Va. 307-tf.

FOR SALE—Ford Touring Car in good condition, Hinton's Shop, Corner Payne and Cameron streets. 9-3t.

WANTED—An apartment or rooms suitable for light housekeeping, located in good neighborhood. Address, R. H., Care Gazette. 9-3t.

WANTED—A colored girl for general housework. Apply at 108 north Columbus street, Alexandria. 8-3t.

WANTED—Good cook in family of two, Apply after 6 p. m., to Mrs. Eddy, Apartment No. 5 in the Fairfax, city. 8-3t.

FOR RENT—Having decided to discontinue housekeeping, will rent my home at 1324 Eighth St., N. W., Washington, D. C., furnished, to a reliable tenant. Sef and wife will retain room and board with tenant. For further information see Geo. Railing, 622 King street, Alexandria. 8-2t.

WANTED—At once, on country place near Alexandria, a colored man for light outside work. Must have references as to character and ability. Good home. Wages $30, with room and board. Address P. O. drawer No. 56, Alexandria, Va. 8-3t.

WANTED—Girls for general housework in small apartment for bachelor. Good hours and good pay. Apply at apartment No. 2, McNair Apartment, 514 Cameron street. 8-tf.

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Rooms and Board — Several nice rooms on the first and second floor, will rent with or without board. Good table board. Terms reasonable. Apply at 220 north Columbus street, Alexandria. 8-3t.

WANTED—A stenographer. Apply to Castelberg, 935 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C. 7-tf.

WANTED—Two chamber maids and waitresses (white) for girls boarding school. References required. Address 1906 Florida Avenue, Washington, D. C. 7-6t.

LOST—Tan and white collie dog. Answers to the name of "Rags". Return to J. M. Jones, 1005 Gibbon street, Alexandria, and receive reward. 7-3t.

WANTED—A cook for dredging machine. White or colored; salary $50 per month. Apply after 7 p. m. at 523 south Lee street. 7-3t.

FOR SALE—Two houses with good tenants, 510 and 512 Oronoco street; $1,400 each. M. L. Horner, 612 King street. 309-tf

CITY CLERK IS DEAD.

Benjamin T. August, of Richmond Passes Away Suddenly, After Brief Illness.

City Clerk Ben T. August died at his home, 1502 Park avenue, at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. He had been confined to his room only a week, and his sudden death was unexpected. Mr. August had been in declining health about three years. He was a sufferer from Bright's disease, and other ailments developed in the last year. For some time he had been preparing to take a needed rest, his first vacation in forty years.

BALK AT TESTIFYING.

Carolina Witnesses Object to Appearing in Johnson Poison Case.

Middlesex, N. C., Jan. 10.—Witnesses in the Johnson poison case are balking at coming to Richmond to testify. A wire message came to police headquarters this week from J. W. Bailey, of that place, stating that several witnesses summoned to appear here Friday, when the case of Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, Middlesex dentist, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Alice Knight Johnson, a Richmond girl, comes up for a preliminary hearing in police court, had refused to come.

Whether Miss Ollie White, the pretty young music teacher, of Zebulon, N. C., is one of these witnesses, Captain Wright was unable to say. Although she is teaching at Zebulon, her home is understood to be at Middlesex.

She was said to have been engaged to Dr. Johnson even at the time of the death of his wife, not knowing that such a person existed, and the prosecution has been relying upon her testimony to establish definitely the motive for the crime of wife poisoning charged against the young dentist.

In a letter which he is alleged to have written her before attempting suicide by taking poison himself in a hotel at Wilson, N. C., while returning home from his wife's funeral Dr. Johnson professed the deepest affection for Miss White and expressed the hope that she would attend his funeral and look for the last time upon his face before he was laid away.

CLEARANCE SALE

The following goods will be sold at a sacrifice in order to give us more room for our spring goods.

A 36 piece Dinner Set, worth $5.00, now $3.48 for this week only

36 work boxes, damaged slightly by handling, worth from 50 cents to $1.50, on sale until sold, for 25 cents each.

41 work baskets worth 25 to 50 cents, soiled slightly by handling, 10 cents each until sold.

50 Guernsey ware pieces, for baking purposes, worth 25 cents each, this week only at 10 and 15 cents each.

12 hand oil lamps, complete, worth 50 cents each, this week, 30 cents This is a good value.

50 white cups and saucers worth 20 cents for the two, until sold at 15 cents.

12 copper wire hen's nests, worth 25 cents. Until sold 15 cents.

23 checker boards, worth 25 cents, this week only 15 cents.

6 casseroles worth $1.75 and $2.00 this week $1.25 and $1.50. A bargain.

Stationery

A lot of odds and ends that sold from 25 cents to 75 cents per box, until sold at 10 cents per box. Some bargains. Also some cheap envelopes at 3 cents per package.

Odds and Ends

We want the room in our store and we have lots of other odds and ends that we are going to sell way below the present cost. We are going to clear our store in order to have a new stock for the large number of new people that will be added to our population in the next six weeks.

R. E. Knight & Son
621-622 King Street.
Who Sell Something of Most Everything.

SAVE AND INVEST IN THE Safest Simplest Security Buy W. S. S.

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Issued by the UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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A COUNTRY WORTH FIGHTING FOR IS A COUNTRY WORTH SAVING FOR.

This space contributed by the four banks of Alexandria and the Alexandria Fertilizer Company.

WANTED AT ONCE,
At the highest cash prices,
20,000 Bags and
10,000 pounds Burlap
also all kinds of old junk, such as Old Iron, Rags, Rubber, Rope, Bones, Brass, Copper, Zinc, Lead and Metals of all kinds, also old Autos and Auto tires, etc.

We also buy all kinds of paper and Paper Stock, Bags and Burlap
Ship us your goods. We pay the highest prices. Checks mailed same day goods are received.

CAPITAL JUNK COMPANY
Phone 539W
1210 King street,
Alexandria, Va.

Bargains

1 Eleteric Lamp, was $7.50, now $5.50
1 Electric Lamp, was $10, now $7.00
1 Smoking Stand, was $2, now $1.25
2 Smoking Stands, was $3, now $2.25
1 Desk Set, .. was $6.00, now $4.00
1 Pyrex Baking Dish, was $5, now $3.75.

2 Nut Bowls, was $2.50, now $1.25
1 pair Candle Sticks, was $3.00 now $2.00.

Xmas Box Paper, was 25c, now 18c

S. F. DYSON & BRO.
Booksellers and Stationers.
420 King Street.

Insure the home NOW—don't delay another day. This is the season in which most fires occur. Insuring through this Agency means ABSOLUTE PROTECTION at regular rates.

LAURENCE STABLER
615 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va.

"Not How Much, But How Good."

Athenic Bronze

The Artistic Ware, Vases, Desk Clocks, Candlesticks, Fern Dishes, Photo Frames and Smokers Articles.

Reasonable Prices.

R. C. ACTON & SONS
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CARTER BROS.

Real Estate and Fire Insurance.

We have what you want, in well located lots and houses, small farms, places with nice buildings, large stock and dairy farms.

We call your particular attention to Rosemont, where we have listed with us some very attractive homes and lots at very low prices.

George Washington Park, Braddock Heights, Mt. Ida, Del Ray, and Cottage Park, have some attractive properties listed with us. Values in these most attractive and much-sought sub-divisions should certainly be to the interest of home seekers. Come and see us at once, as nice homes like these will not stay on the market long.

There is no trouble in getting a nice Factory site from us. We have some of the nicest and most desirable obtainable in this city.

It is our pleasure to help buyers of homes, manufacturing industries, and renters, and to do all that is within our power for the advancement of our city.

1318 King Street, Alexandria, Va. Phone 167.

Buy Alexandria Real Estate--NOW

Prices Are Surely to Advance Before the Spring

Here's a Few Investment Bargains at the Old Prices

Desirable frame dwelling at 310 North Patrick Street containing six rooms ad all modern improvements. Always rented at $12.00 per month. Price $1100.00.

Wellbuilt two story frame Dwelling 128 North Henry Street, containing six rooms. Sewer Tapped. Well rented at $11.75 per month. Price $1050.00.

Cosy two-story Frame Dwelling at 313 Wilkes Street. Containing five rooms all newly papered Rents for $8.50 per month. Price $800.00.

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Real Estate and Renting Agent,
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Separate Skirts Fit Into the In-Between-Season

—If you find that your wardrobe needs a little freshening up, and don't want to add another dress or suit, then a new blouse and separate skirt will just fill the bill. We have a host of smart styles in

—Striped, Plaid, Checked and Plain Blue and Black Skirts, made of excellent quality materials, and in the latest styles; with plenty of large sizes, as well as the regular sizes to select from.

At $5.95, $6.95 and $8.95.

Electric Table Stoves

attach to any lamp socket and furnish a convenient and inexpensive method of cooking light meals.

The price is $7.50, choice of two varieties.

The cost of operation is four cents per hour.

Alexandria County Lighting Company

624 King Street — Phone 193

A SPLENDID STOCK

We are prepared to supply your needs in Watches, Diamonds, Silver, ware, Cut Glass, Clocks, Photo, Frames, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Gold-Filled and Solid Gold Articles, Spectacles, Eye Glasses, Pens, Pencils, Etc.

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USE LEADBEATER'S FLLAVORING EXTRACTS and SPICES FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS COOKING, UNEXCELLED FOR RICHNESS AND DELICACY.

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Alexandrians, Attention!

You Who Are Property Owners.

This office is wrestling with Real Estate problems and even though our list of properties is large, we are unable to satisfy every client. Therefore, we appeal to you to list yours, whether it be improved or unimproved, furnished or unfurnished. Remember that with everybody's co-operation, Alexandria must and will become commercially important.

SEE US NOW

Graham & Ogden

330 King Street. — Alexandria, Va.

Rental Business Solicited

Having succeeded in renting every Apartment and Dwelling listed with me for rent, I now solicit for rent this class of property. I have daily calls from parties desiring to rent houses and if you have a house for rent would be pleased to take charge of same. I endeavor by paying strict attention to the Rental Business to get the best results possible for my clients.

Furnished Dwelling Desired.

I have a client who desires to rent an up to date furnished residence. In every respect a desirable tenant.

Samuel L. Monroe.

307 King Street. — Bell Phone 444

NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION

JUDGE KEITH'S WILL.

Jurist Leaves Seventy-Six Thousand Dollar Estate to Children.

Judge James Keith, who died recently, left an estate valued at $76,000, of which $66,000 was personal property and $1,000 real estate. The estate was bequeathed to the son and daughter, Arthur A. M. Keith and Miss Juliet Chilton Keith. Judge Keith's son is the sole executor named.

Judge Keith's characteristic democratic simplicity and directness are reflected in the brief document, which covers both sides of one sheet of plain legal cap paper. The will is a holograph. The testator directs that so much of the estate as may be sufficient to insure an income of $1,200 a year to his daughter, Miss Juliet Keith, shall be permanently invested by the executor, his son, in Virginia 3 per cent registered bonds, the remainder being the son's share.

The investment gives the daughter the greater share of the estate. Judge Keith explains in the will that he is actuated in making this discrimination in her favor by the fact that he has already spent a large sum on the education of the son.

WILSON FAVORS SUFFRAGE.

Throws Support to Federal Amendment When Committee Calls.

President Wilson last night threw his support to the Federal amendment for woman suffrage.

On the eve of a vote on suffrage in the House, twelve Democratic members called at the White House with word that many of their colleagues wanted advice from the head of their party as to the position they should take.

There was a conference for 40 minutes, the result of which was described in this statement, dictated by the President himself, and made public by the delegation:

"The committee found that the President had not felt at liberty to volunteer his advice to members of Congress in this important matter, but when he sought his advice he very frankly and earnestly advised us to vote for the amendment as an act of right and justice to the women of the country and of the world."

In these few lines suffrage champions saw certain victory where a few days ago most of them privately were conceding defeat.

FOUR KILLED IN MINE.

Explosion is Reported From New Shaft at Purcell in Lee County.

Four men were killed Tuesday in a mine explosion at Purcell, Lee Co., Virginia, when the Redd Creek Coal Mine blew them out at its mouth. In response to a telegram Commissioner Doherty, of the State Labor Department, sent Mine Inspector A. G. Lucas to the scene of the accident to determine what was the cause of the explosion.

The mine is one of the numerous ones recently opened in Southwestern Virginia, and it is presumed that the explosion was due to the accumulation of dry coal dust, and not to the formation of gas, as it is not likely the mine is below the water level. Commissioner Doherty said that this was the first mine explosion in this State since the department had been instituted.

BIG APPROPRIATION.

Newport News Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company to Receive $1,500,000.

A million and one-half dollars will be advanced to the Newport News Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company in order to properly house its laborers and thus speed the merchant shipbuilding program.

Members of the senate commerce committee made this plain after Homer Ferguson, president of the company said the terribly overcrowded condition of his workmen had crippled the naval machine in his yards.

VIRGINIAN DEAD.

Private Willie Campbell, of Widewater, Listed in Pershing's Report From France.

The following deaths are reported by General Pershing:

Private Willie Campbell, stevedores, January 5, gas asphyxiation. Mother, Jane Campbell, Widewater, Va.

Private Edgar Coots, machine gun battalion, January 4, gunshot wounds. Brother, Ernest Coots, 1109 Twenty-ninth street, Columbus, Ga.

Private John Goodson, engineers, January 5, pneumonia. Father J. J. Goodson, Booth, Ala.

Corporal Henry C. Myrick, engineers, January 7, tuberculosis. Grandfather, C. A. Millhouse, Bamberg, S. C.

FAVORS CHANGES IN LAWS.

State Tax Board Would Reduce Rates on Certain Classifications of Intangibles.

Recommending some radical changes in the tax laws of the State and showing a great addition to the taxed property of the State within the past two years, the report of the State Tax Board, was transmitted to the General Assembly yesterday.

The State Tax Board had prepared an amendment to the tax bill, which was approved in 1916, recommending the classification of the physical effects of corporations, such an inventory of stock on hand, raw materials, machinery and tools, as real estate, so that the counties in which such effects are located may derive the benefits of taxation. By the present act in force all the tax is collected in the city or town in which the principal office of the concern is located. The report cites an instance of a corporation with tan yards located in five different counties, showing that all the tax derived from the assets of the corporation in question go to the benefit of the town in which the head office is located.

The Tax Board, also recommended that on February 1, 1919, the first, second, third and fifth items of intangible property, the same being bonds, notes and other evidences of debt other than bonds of counties, cities and towns and other political subdivisions of the State, capital of persons, firms and corporations employed in a trade or business not otherwise taxed, intangible personal property in the hands of fiduciaries, and shares of stock of corporations which pay no franchise tax in this State or all of the capital of which is not taxed in this State be taxed at 50 cents on the $100 for State purposes, with the right reserved to the counties and cities of the State to levy an additional tax, not to exceed 30 cents on the $100, as at present. This suggestion, if enacted into a law, says the report, will place capital employed in business on an equal footing with bonds, notes, fiduciary property and shares of stock.

This would reduce the rates on all the property named from 65 cents on the $100, except as to capital employed in business, which is reduced from 70 cents. It will reduce the tax from these sources only $359,000; but the Tax Board expresses the belief that the reduction will meet with such an increase in taxable values as to result in an increased revenue to the State, such as resulted from the last decrease.

EQUIPS STATE TROOPS.

Government Provides Guns and Railroad Makes Gift of Arms.

As rapidly as possible the troops of the Virginia state volunteers are being equipped for service, despite the fact that there has been a heavy demand for military accoutrements from the national guard and national army in federal service, and many of the companies shortly will be properly conditioned to face any emergency which may arise in Virginia.

Colonel Jo Lane Stern, state inspector general, today received notification from Brigadier General C. B. Wheeler, of the ordnance branch, United States war department, that Virginia troops immediately will receive 500 Springfield rifles of .45 caliber and 7,500 rounds of ammunition. These will be distributed equitably to companies throughout the state.

PORTUGUESE SHELL REBELS.

Mutineers Surrender After Battle With Lisbon Fort.

Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 10.—A mutinous outbreak on the Portuguese battleship Vasco de Gama was checked by artillery fire from a fort in Lisbon harbor after the warship had fired a few shots at the land battery. The crew in part was landed and disarmed, surrendering to the army and the republican guard, and government forces later gained possession of the battleship.

Measures taken to insure the maintenance of order are declared to have been effective.

SUIT FOR $10,000.

Woman Sues W., R. and E. Co., for Alleged Misconduct of Motorman.

Alleging that Wilson Gray, a motorman on a Washington Railway and Electric Company car, winked at her and made a remark derogatory to her character, Mrs. Margaret Peck, 300 Fourteenth street southwest, Washington, filed suit yesterday in Supreme Court asking $10,000 damages from the company.

Mrs. Peck said the alleged indignity occurred on a bureau of engraving and printing car on October 15.

ACCUSED OF ROBBERY.

Alleged Deserter From Navy Sought Following $2,000 Theft.

Luray, Va., Jan. 10.—Thomas Palmer, alias Bert Palmer, said to be a deserter from the United States navy, is being sought by officials of Page county on the charge of stealing between $1,800 and $2,000 from Mrs. Mary Freeze, an aged Luray widow. Palmer, who claims Minnesota as his home, came to Luray several months ago and married a Page county woman.

The couple occupied a part of the Freeze home. Several hundred dollars were soon missing. Suspicion, however, did not point to Palmer, who soon moved to Shenandoah, 20 miles south of Luray. Palmer, it is alleged, returned to Luray about dark last Monday and by a circutous route reached the Freeze home. Palmer, it is asserted, then secured a ladder and reached an upstairs room where the money was hidden in two small sugar sacks, nearly all of it in coin. He then waded the Hawksbill Creek, while the thermometer stood almost at zero, doing this to avoid leaving his footprints in the snow, and boarded a Norfolk and Western train.

Palmer is about 33 years of age and wore the uniform of the United States navy.

WILL FIX WOOD PRICE.

Twelve Dollars a Cord is the Fgure Now Being Considered.

Though as yet the Richmond fuel commission has not definitely fixed a standard price on wood, which must not be exceeded by dealers, it was said this week that the figure probably will be about $12 a cord. The commission for the last several weeks has conducted an extensive inquiry into the cost of the cutting, transportation and distribution of wood here and in averaging the prevailing quotations is said to have found the probable standard price in the neighborhood of $12.

State Commissioner Harry Flood Byrd is preparing, it is said, to employ state convict labor in cutting the wood, which would materially reduce the cost of production. Wood from this source would cost no more than $8 a cord, according to well-founded estimates, and its sale by the state directly to the consumers would preclude the possibility of competition from private dealers. The fuel administration strongly urges the substitution of wood for coal where practicable, since this practice would be of material assistance to the fuel conservation program.

Each local commission is permitted to fix the standard wood prices for the district it governs and prices throughout the state will differ to an extent due to the district conditions in each territory.

MANIACS KILL GIRL NURSE.

Choke Her to Death in Hospital, Take Her Keys and Escape.

Jacksonville, Ill., Jan. 10.—Miss Helene Branstitter, aged 20, an attendant at the State Hospital for Insane here, was killed early yesterday by two patients, Marion Menka, of Springfield, and Stella Coppa, of Chicago.

The patients overpowered Miss Branstitter and choked her to death. They then took her keys, unlocked the doors and escaped.

"The Store of Greater Service"

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A January Sale of BLANKETS

They are going at the lowest of prices, in spite of the recent advances.

11-4 Part-wool Plaid Blanket. Plaid shadings are gray and white, pink and white, tan and white. Also some plain white. Special, pair, ... $9.00

White. Also some plain white. Blanket in a desirable finish. Heavy weight that will wear and launder well. Dainty pink or blue borders. Pair $6.00.

Double Size White Wool Nap Blanket, closely woven and finely finished. Pink or blue borders. Pair, $5.00.

Gray or White Fleece Blanket for double bed. Very good quality. The grays are extra size. Pair, $4.50.

Fourth Floor.

CURTAIN SALES ARE BRINGING THE CROWDS TO OUR FOURTH FLOOR EVERY DAY.

SWAN BROS

King and Pitt Streets — Alexandria, Virginia

Clearance Sale of Ladies' Tailored Suits

We will close out at greatly reduced prices, every Ladies' Tailored Cloth Suit in the house, as it is our rule not to carry a single suit over.

Make selections now, while the stock is complete.

Ladies' $19.50 Suits, now $12.50
Ladies' $25.00 Suits, now $16.50
Ladies' $29.50 Suits, now $19.50
Ladies' $35.00 Suits, now $22.50
Ladies' $39.50 Suits, now $25.00

OWNERS OF KING STREET PROPERTY

I have customers desiring places suitable for different business enterprises.

It is to your advantage to list what you have with me at once. No options on Alexandria property.

Your interest only is served.

M. L. HORNER
612 King Street

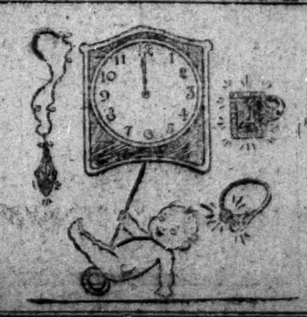
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CONSUMERS OF COAL

At the direction of the Fuel Administrator for Virginia, an order has been issued to the retail dealers of coal in this city and county, not to deliver coal to household consumers, in quantities in excess of two tons and then only when the consumer's supply on hand is two tons or less. This will make the maximum quantity of four tons at any one time. To larger consumers, deliveries are not to be made in quantities greater than the actual needs of the consumers for fifteen days, and then only when the consumer's supply on hand is less than their requirements for fifteen days. This will make the maximum quantity held by larger consumers at any one time, only sufficient for their actual needs for thirty days or less. Industries buying coal in carload lots must obtain special permit from the Fuel Administrator.

To make this order effective, and to relieve the dealer of the responsibility and difficulty of ascertaining the supply any consumer has on hand, it is arranged that an affidavit be furnished by the purchasers of coal in excess of one-half ton (this affidavit can be made by any member of the family over sixteen years of age.) These forms for making the affidavits will be in the hands of the dealers, and notaries and the affidavits will be taken without charge, by any one of the following notaries public, who have offered their services to aid the Commission in this work:

Miss Gladys M. Brooks, room 1, Alexandria National bank building, W. C. Drury, 107 south Royal street; J. T. Burke, Burke and Herbert; Miss Cora Duffey, Office, Clerk of Court; Courtland H. Davis, 121 south Royal street; Claude H. Crump, 1801 King street; M. L. Dinwiddie, Citizens National Bank; J. J. Green, First National Bank; E. J. Fleming, 119 south Fairfax street; A. C. Moss, Alexandria National Bank.

By order of
ALBERT BRYAN, D. N. RUST, Jr., GEO E. WARFIELD,
Fuel Commission, Alexandria city and County.



TIME TO SELECT

that New Year gift if ever. We suggest an article of good jewelry which will last a life time and be a constant reminder of the giver. Our cases contain a great many ideal gift ideas in jewelry. We invite an early inspection believing you will find here exactly what you seek within the limits of your purse.

Saunders & Son
629 King Street.

AUSTRIA LOOKS FOR DEFEAT.

Peace Delegate Says Suffering Intense and Even Soldiers Hungry.

London, Jan. 10.—Nobody believes in victory in Austria-Hungary," is the statement attributed to Dr. Franz Markitch, in Reuter's correspondence in the English newspapers.

Dr. Markitch, Reuter's says, was a Socialist delegate from Bosnia to the international conference at Stockholm. His outspoken attitude in favor of peace at Stockholm made it impossible for him to return to Austria, and he went to England. He described the state of affairs in Austria as insupportable.

"In Bosnia, Herzegovina, Austria and Dalmatia," he said, "famine is taking a terrible toll of the population. The people are driven to eat herbs, roots and the bark of trees, while there is a terrible mortality from hunger typhus as the people call it." It is not much better in the army.

"I have seen with my own eyes soldiers begging for bread in the streets of Vienna and Budapest. The people wait sometimes as much as forty-eight hours in the lines at the food supply stations. Meat, bread, tobacco, tea, coffee and sugar are not to be had, while the price of an ordinary suit of clothes, if it can be got, is $150.

"Corruption is wide spread. The richer classes are smuggling in foodstuffs at fabulous prices. There have been cases where $750 has been paid for a barrel of flour."

Conditions in Germany, according to Dr. Markitch, are not much better, the chief difference being that in Germany starvation is organized by the government. A government report, he says, shows that the men in the German Empire have lost an average of eighteen pounds each during the war.

MADE IN HADES.

Confidential Letter From the Devil To Kaiser Wilhelm Concerning "Made in Germany."

The idea seems to be spreading that the Kaiser is getting in wrong in various ways. Eugene H. Blake, of the Vigilantes in New York City, is one of many who are of that opinion, at least, according to the following.

Infernal Palace, Hades,

My Dear Wilhelm:

Before we started this war, any article would sell faster in almost any country if "Made in Germany" was stamped on it. Confidence in the product and good will for Germany put the sale across dead easy.

But now my dear Kaiser look what you've done. You have:

Plans for World Conquest—"Made in Germany."

Scrapped Belgian Treaties—"Made in Germany."

Poison Gasses—"Made in Germany."

Plans for Armenian Holy Wars—"Made in Germany."

Lusitania Murders—"Made in Germany."

Broken Pledges—"Made in Germany."

Hymns of Hate—"Made in Germany."

Zeppelin Baby-brainings—"Made in Germany."

Barbarities against Prisoners—"Made in Germany."

Betrayals of Neutrals—"Made in Germany."

Sink-without-a-trace Notes—"Made in Germany."

It's good work all right, Wilhelm, but if you don't watch out you never can use "Made in Germany" after the war. You gotta think about that, you know. An article marked "Made in Hades" would sell better.

I'm afraid we've over done this thing. What do you think?

Faithfully your friend and ally,

Beelzebub,

Prince of Devils and Kaiser of Hades.

KAISER AS PEACE CHAMPION.

Protected Humanity's Weal for 30 Years, He Says.

Amsterdam, Jan. 10.—Referring to himself as having been throughout his reign the champion of principles making for the welfare of humanity and peaceable cooperation of peoples, Emperor William assured of his full support the delegation of the Polish regency council which he received a day or two ago, a Berlin dispatch says. In reply to the address presented by the delegates who expressed gratitude for the restration of the independent Polish kingdom the emperor said:

"It is a sincere joy to me to be able to greet you, as the appointed representatives of the Polish state, in my capital. I gather from your words, with lively satisfaction, that you see in the acts carried out by my exalted allies and myself fulfillment of the long cherished desire of the Polish people for re-establishment of the independent Polish kingdom and that you believe that you will be best serving your fatherland if, in common with the German empire and Austro-Hungarian monarchy, you pursue the aims which guarantee the weal of humanity and peaceful cooperation of peoples. As against the calumnies of the enemy, I feel grateful that my unremitting efforts in my reign of nearly 30 years to be the champion and protector of these principles will meet with deep sympathy on your part.

"You may hereby be assured of the full support of myself and my government."

PLANS ATTACK ON FRANCE.

Newspaper Declares Drive on Verdun Will be Resumed.

London, Jan. 10.—Germany plans her next attack on France, and hopes the collapse of France may be the next crisis in the war. This is the German expectation for the new year. "The Frankfuter Zeitung" publishes an authoritative article dealing with the strategic crisis of the war and predicts victory for the central powers this year. In the first two and a half years, the writer says, all the critical moments were on the Teutons side and fortune favored the allies. Since the beginning of 1917 the balance has been turned against the entente.

The intensified submarine warfare, the defection of Russia and the defeat of Italy have enabled Germany to look forward to 1918 with greater hopes than ever before. The whole strength of the central powers according to this article, may now be concentrated on the Western front and the Western Powers can never again have the prospects they had in 1915 and 1916.

BOY COASTER KILLED.

Fractured Skull Results When Sled Collides With Machine.

Early last night John D laney, 9 years old, of 1024 Otis stre northwest, Washington was run dow and almost instantly killed by a automobile, operated by William Carroll, of Hyattsville, Md., at Ten and Monroe streets northeast.

According to witnesses the boy wa coasting down Tenth street and a he reached Monroe street the auto mobile suddenly appeared and struc him. In trying to avoid the accide Carroll swerved his machine into tree and badly damaged the car

Persons carried the unconscio boy into a nearby residence and su moned Dr. Robert Frischkorn. He pr nounced the boy dead as the result of a fracture at the base of the skull.

Carroll was arrested, but was later released at the order of Coroner Nevitt. An inquest will be held at the morgue this afternoon.

SURPRISE RAID OF FRENCH.

Petain's Men Attack and Demolish Hun Trenches in Woevre.

London, Jan. 10.—The French broke the spell of inactivity on the West front Tuesday with extensive surprise attacks in the Woevre, which met with complete success. In the regoin of Seiche-Pray. Gen. Petain's detachments broke into the enemy's positions along a mile front, demolished the German defences and returned, in accordance with their orders, with 178 prisoners and a number of machine guns, Paris officially announced today.

The German war office asserts that the French assault was made in strong force, after violent artillery preparation and extended along a front of two and a half miles. While admitting that the assailants penetrated German defences, the Berlin communique declares that during the night the French were thrown back to their original lines.

WED BY TELEPHONE.

Cupid Overcomes Barrier of Quarantine With Aid of Judge.

Alexandria, La., Jan. 10.—A ceremony performed over the telephone was the means employed yesterday to overcome the barrier to their marriage imposed by the quarantine for spinal meningitis at Camp Beauregard, by Private John B. Caldwell, whose home is in Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Lorene Smith, of Kansas City, Mo.

The ceremony was performed by Judge W. F. Blackman, the judge, the bride, her mother and witnesses being gathered around a telephone in the courthouse here, while Caldwell and his witnesses were gathered around a telephone at Camp Beauregard.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

Department of the State Corporation Commission.

Case No. 649.

City of Richmond, Dec. 29, 1917.

Application of steam railway companies for authority to close freight stations in Virginia at four o'clock m.

Application having been made by D. Duke, chairman, on behalf of rious railway companies for authority to close their freight stations cities, and incorporated towns in ginia, and the Commission having carefully considered the evidence the arguments presented, it is dered that leave be granted to said lway companies to close their ight stations in cities for the reiving of freight at the hour of four m. on each working day except Saturdays;

It is further ordered that this arngement shall not become effective til proper notice to the public, inted in type not smaller than ...ness point Cloister has been osted for ten days in stations, and blication of the change in closing rs has been made twice in a paper having a daily circulation in each the cities affected.

It is further ordered, that copies of this order shall be sent to the chambers of commerce or boards of trade of all cities in Virginia, who are hereby requested to investigate and to report to the Commission their conclusions as to the effect of the operation of this order, and whether the same is beneficial or not to the business interests of their respective cities.

A Copy, Teste:

(Signed) R. T. Wilson

Clerk.

9-2t.

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ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Public is Cordially Invited to Attend the Opening of the

Alexandria Cash Grocery Company

ON

Saturday, January 12, 1918

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their storeroom at the Southwest corner of King and Washington streets, Alexandria, Virginia, (Brawner & Brother's old stand.)

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Washington and Old Dominion Ry. The Washington and Old Dominion Railway has made application to the State Corporation Commission for authority to make increases of 15 per cent, over all of its present freight rates applicable between stations in Virginia on the Washington and Old Dominion Railway, the minimum increase to be one (1) cent when the rate is "per 100 pounds" and five (5) cents when the rate is "per ton." Hearing in this matter will be held before the State Corporation Commission at Richmond, Va., on the 23rd day of January, 1918, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time any protests, facts or arguments may be presented to the Commission for its consideration.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the Members of the German Co-operative Building Association No. 5 all Series, will be held at their office, 612 King street, Thursday, January 10, 1918, at 7:30 p. m.

Justus Schneider, Secretary.

3-td.

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 14, 1918, at ten o'clock a. m.

Walter Roberts, President

308td.

Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of William Belmont and Co., Incorporated, will be held at the principal office of the company, No. 28 south Fairfax street, City of Alexandria Virginia on the 22d day of January 1918 at 12 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated, New York City, Jan 2, 1918.

Joseph H. Schoenberger, Sec'y.

6-12t.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia Granite & Dredging Corporation will be held at Rooms 1 & 2, Alexandria National Bank Building, Alexandria, Virginia, on Thursday, January 17, 1918, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

A. G. Bonnet, Secretary.

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Notice Annual Meeting.

To the Stockholders of the National Manganese Corporation. The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Manganese Corporation will be held at 107 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday, January 15, 1918, at 11:15 o'clock, a. m.

L. M. Larkin, Secretary.

7-td.

Office of

The Alexandria Water Co.

No. 111 north St. Asaph street...

Alexandria, Va., Jan. 7, 1918.

To the Stockholders.

Notice—at a meeting the board of Directors held this day a dividend of two dollars per share was declared, payable January 15, 1918. Checks will be mailed stockholders.

Alexandria Water Co.,

By Geo. Uhler, Sec'y.

6-3t.

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P. M.----12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 55 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55

Sunday and Holidays, same as above except trains at 5 00, 5 40, 6 00, 6 20 6 40, 7 10, 7 30, 7 50, and 8 10 A. M and 11 55 P. M.

Leave Alexandria For Mt. Vernon.

A M.---Week Days---5 35, 6 55, 7 55 8 55, 10 30, 11 30, P. M.—12 30, 1 25 2 30, 3 30, 4 30, 5 35, 6 40, 7 35, 8 [illegible] 10 20, 11 50.

Sunday as above except 9 55 A M and 11 50 P M

Washington Southern Ry.

Schedule in effect Jan. 6, 1918.

For Washington and points north daily 8:08, 8:23, 8:33, 10:38, 10:45, 11:13 a. m., 12:13, 1:28, 2:03, (Through train for New York, via P. R. R.) 4:28, 4:45, 8:33, 11:13, 11:33 p. m.

Week days only 6:30 p. m. Saturdays only 4:45 p. m., and Sundays only 8:18 p. m.

For Fredericksburg, Richmond and points south at 4:37, 7:52 (local) and 9:47, a. m. 12:07, 3:22, 3:32, 5:17 (local) 7:02, 7:47, 9:47 p. m. daily.

Accommodation for Quantico at 11:03 a. m. daily and 2.38 p. m. Saturdays. Night train leaves 11:30 p. m. daily for Fredericksburg and intermediate stations.

NOTE—Times of arrival and departure and connections not guaranteed.